

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You have heard the motion to adjourn until Monday morning at nine o'clock. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to adjourn? Have you all voted? Roll call vote has been requested. Members, will you please check in. Those members outside the Chamber, please return and record your presence. Senator Smith, would you check in, please. Senator Coordsen. Senator Withem, please. Senator Lindsay. Senator Ashford. Senator Lynch, would you please report to the Chamber. Members, return to your seats. Roll call has been requested on the motion to adjourn. Proceed, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1776-77 of the Legislative Journal.) 9 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. Back to a discussion of the motion to return the bill. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senator Schimek.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Chambers, you reminded me of an incident that happened in Washington a few years ago. You were mentioning that the legislative body cannot stop time and in theory that's probably true but in actuality it is not. I remember one particular evening, it was late, the United States Senate had to pass a budget bill by midnight. If we didn't, technically the Treasury of the United States was bankrupt. And they had about 50 amendments still pending and they were slowly, like we are at times, going through amendments and it got to be about eleven fifty-nine, Senator Chambers, and the senators looked up and they said, you know, we can't go through the next 15 amendments without going past midnight and we can't go past midnight or we're technically bankrupt and it's bad PR for the world to know the United States technically is bankrupt, beings it would be for a couple of hours, so they did what they usually do in the United States Senate. They take a very liberal interpretation of the unanimous consent rule and they simply asked unanimous consent that the clocks be stopped, and they were. And if you go back in the record, Senator Chambers, you will find that at eleven fifty-nine on that particular day, and I wish I could remember which one exactly, that the appropriations bill that put the country so that it was not bankrupt finally passed the United States Senate. Of course, that was...the rest of the world that was on the same time would have been three thirty in the morning. But, technically, at